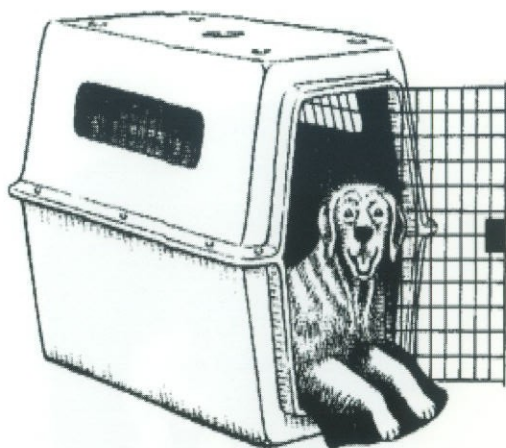


Crate Training

Some people who are unfamiliar with crate training mistakenly feel it is cruel. Crates are actually an excellent choice for most puppies and adult dogs. Crates keep the pet and your belongings safe when you are not able to supervise. They aid in house training because a dog will not want to soil his sleeping area and will naturally learn bowel and bladder control. Select a crate big enough for the puppy/dog to stand up and turn around in.



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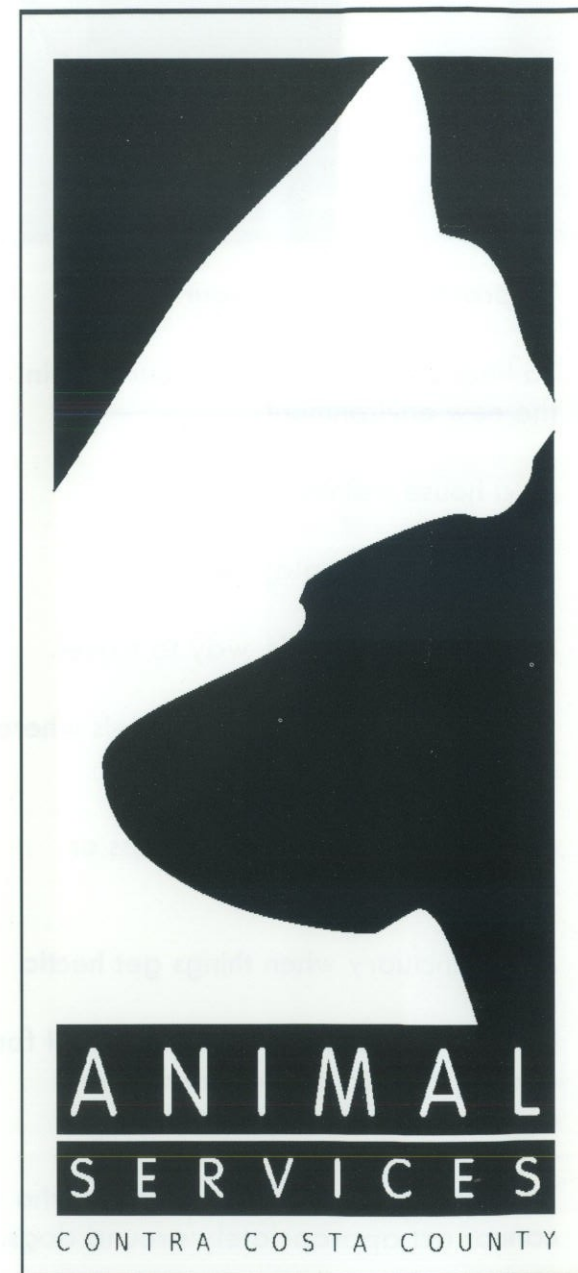
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"Where people and pets come together"

Why Use A Crate?



- To provide a den for your dog.
- To help calm and nurture your dog in the new environment.
- As a house training aid.
- As a temporary play pen.
- In your car as a safe way to travel.
- For airline travel & also in hotels where pets are allowed.
- As a recovery room from illness or surgery.
- As a sanctuary when things get hectic.
- In some mild cases, it can be helpful for anxiety to help prevent destructive chewing.
- To protect your pet from children who cannot act appropriately around dogs.
- To prepare your dog for temporary sheltering in the event of an emergency.

Crate Do's and Don't's

DO:

- Make the crate a positive place.
- Use treats/toys to lead the dog into the crate.
- Feed the dog his dinner in the crate at first.
- Leave the door open initially.
- Hide food treats in the crate.
- Place a shirt with your scent in the crate.
- Encourage your dog to sleep in it's crate.
- Praise them when they are inside the crate; stay close when you first close the door.



DON'T:

- Force a dog or puppy into a crate.
- Use the crate for punishment.
- Keep the crate in an isolated area.
- Leave your dog in his crate for more than six hours.
- Talk to or let him/her out when whining.

Crate Do's and Don't's

DON'T:

- Choose a crate that is too large. If your dog can eliminate in one corner and sleep in another, the crate will not help your house training efforts.
- Choose a crate that is too small. Your dog should be able to sit up and turn around. For a growing puppy you may wish to choose a larger crate and block off part of the space. As the dog gets larger, you can remove the partition.



The crate is a great training tool and can help your new pet settle into your home.

It should never take away from the contact and socialization that your dog needs from you and your family.

The dog needs to spend much more time out of the crate than in it.